



GOD'S PROMISE

Joel 2:23, 28

Zech. 10:1

Psa. 104:16a

John 14:16

John 15:26

John 16:13

John 7:38

Luke 24:49

Acts 1:8

Acts 2:4

Acts 8:17

Acts 10:44-46

Acts 19:6

James 5:7

Ezek. 47:1

Zech. 14:8

Rev. 22:1

*"... Upon this
rock I will build
my church; and
the gates of hell
shall not prevail
against it." Matt.
16:18*

GOD'S COMMAND

Luke 24:49

Eph. 5:18

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Notices

The Radio Evangelistic Hour heard regularly over Station WGOV in Valdosta, Ga., and the South Georgia network stations on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:00, EWT, and on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9:30-10:00, will be heard in special broadcasts at 9:30 a.m. every day except Sunday, from July 23-August 6. The Goodman Trio of Alabama will be singing on these broadcasts, and Rev. Joe R. Little, state superintendent of Y.P.E. and Sunday Schools in Georgia, will be speaking the first week. All South Georgians and North Floridians are urged to tune in to these programs.—L. O. Peck, pastor, Valdosta, Ga., and director of broadcast.

I would like to hear from anyone who can help in a meeting about August 12, who can play music. Please write me at once.—Rev. Lee C. Swinford, Route 3, Tullahoma, Tenn.

I will be glad to receive handkerchiefs or requests from anyone desiring prayer. All handkerchiefs will be anointed, prayed over and returned promptly. Anyone desiring our prayers may write me.—Rev. T. E. Hogan, 712 West Ave., Cartersville, Ga.

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Cleveland, Tenn.

We are in a tent meeting at Carabelle, Fla., and hope to organize a church. Those having friends or loved ones around here or in camp at Gordon Johnston, and would like for us to contact them, please send us their names and addresses.—Joseph Daniel and Curtis Thomas, Box 1227, Carabelle, Fla.

I have had the calling to preach the gospel for a good while but have been holding back. I feel if I do not soon get out in the full-time gospel that I may lose the vision for lost souls. Anyone wanting me for a revival I will be glad to go anywhere in the States. I do not have help to run a revival but I feel that God will bless.

I am in full standing with the Church of God. If you would like any information about me, just call the Church of God in Jesup, Ga.; they will gladly recommend me.—Rev. H. A. Wingate, Doctortown, Ga.

Old-Time Revival

ARANSAS PASS, Tex.—An old-time, Holy Ghost, young people's revival has just closed here. Sister Artie (Pole) Sullivan was the evangelist. Twenty were saved, fifteen sanctified, nine filled with the Holy Ghost, twelve baptized in water, and eight added to the church. About two-thirds of these experiences were seniors or adults. We praise God for these souls.—R. M. Nolen, pastor.

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We can now furnish Prayer and Praise Hymnal No. 2 again, in limp covers only. Prices are \$4.75 per dozen; \$7.00 for twenty-five copies; \$14.00 for fifty copies; \$28.00 for one hundred copies.

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Are We Responsible?

F. D. CAREY

Responsible for what? The growth of God's kingdom. We are laborers in God's vineyard, working for the harvest time. Others have planted, we have watered; we are planting, others will also water. God will give the increase. We must be faithful in what God has given us. We can not sit by while someone else tends the vineyard, then expect to reap thereof. Those who have slaved to make the vineyard a success would be indignant, and rightly so. We find in Mark 11:11 that Jesus, on an inspection tour of the temple, didn't say a word but just saw the condition of things. Today He is in our midst. Even though you cannot see Him with your natural eyes, He is in every church service where He is welcome. Matt. 28:20. Then He is coming back for a reckoning with His servants. You may be a great fellow in your church, a deacon or elder, give in the offerings and pay your tithes regularly, but that alone will not suffice. Mark 11:13. The fig tree was very pretty but had no fruit.

When you pay your tithes and offerings you are only helping your ownself, Mal. 3:10, getting God's blessings for your soul. We must visit the sick, poor, widows, orphans, halt, lame, and blind, and keep ourselves unspotted from the world. Mark 11:15. How do you conduct yourself in God's house? Do you stay in a prayerful attitude at all times? Do you work in the altar? When the preacher is preaching, what do you do? Do you pray for him? O God, do help us to have more respect for your house, that poor lost souls might see that our minds are elevated above the sordid things of this world and transplanted to things pertaining to the glory world. When we do that we will find that the day of revivals is not over.

There is coming a day when He is coming for those that are His laborers. He knows each one of His own. I have been on big construction jobs where several different companies were working on their respective contracts. Once a week the different companies would pay their workers off and each company paid only those working for it. If someone got in the wrong line he did

not receive any pay, as there was no record of him with that company. Just so, there's no use to get on the side of the sheep when you belong on the goat side. All shall come forth, John 5:28, but not all rejoicing.

You ask how God records all things. I am sure I don't know, but I am firmly convinced that nothing is impossible with God. Can you understand how one wire comes into your kitchen, cooks pork chops and bakes bread on one side of the room, and on the other freezes ice cream? No, but you do not question the possibility of it and you partake of it without question. In this world, if you do not do your very best for the Master, you will lose all the joy of your salvation. Mark 11:20. Your experience will dry up and your joy will be gone. Then at the judgment you will have to be judged by your deeds. 2 Cor. 5:10. How shall we escape if our deeds are of the world?

If our interests are all in our home, auto, and family, there will be no escape, for we have neglected so great salvation. Rev. 22:11, 12. There will be no time to run and visit that sick man or woman, for He will have His reward with Him, the pay roll all ready made up, nothing to do but give it to those to whom it belongs. His reward to the faithful will be everlasting joy, peace, and comfort, Rev. 21:4.

What of the unrighteous? Rev. 20:15 will be the fate of those that take pleasure in unrighteousness and follow after their own lusts. Do you believe God will allow any one to go to the lake of fire? Yes, it is not His will, but the choice of many. Choose ye this day whom ye will serve. Be sure you select the right road, the wrong choice will cause you an eternity of suffering. Rev. 20:10. There is hope for us only in Jesus. John 11:25. Let no man deceive you with vain words, saying you just have to sin a little each day. Prove everything by the Word of God and you will be able to stand before Jesus with no fear, no condemnation. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ abide with you for ever. Amen.

The Church and Pastor

By A. V. BEAUBE

CHURCH

Matt. 16:13-16.

John 17:14-16.

Acts 20:28.

Eph. 2:19-22.

PASTOR

God-given. 1 Cor. 9:16, 17, "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me."

His Message. 2 Cor. 4:5, "For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake."

1 Cor. 2:1, 2, "And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

The Plight of the Jews

Bible Research Monthly states that "the ancient Jewish community of Sarajevo, Yugoslavia, which numbered 13,000 in 1940, now consists of seventy men, women and children." Commenting further on the Jewish situation at Buchenwald, a report continued, "Of the 1,000 children who have been found among the 4,500 Jewish survivors in the camp, only four of them are with their fathers. Many lost their fathers when nearly 5,000 Jews were evacuated from Buchenwald shortly before its liberation."

Preach the Word, 2 Tim. 4:2

"Preach the Word" carries a special emphasis with respect to the Word of truth. Unlike "evangelizo" (Gr.) which means to declare glad tidings, and used with reference to the good news that Christ had died in the sinner's stead, "kerusso" (Gr.) means to proclaim as a herald, to be a herald, to officiate as a herald. It has in mind the responsibility of the herald, and his allegiance to the truth. Be instant in season, out of season. Whether it seems to be a suitable time or not, he is to stand by the truth, to be ever ready to proclaim and to defend it in its entirety.

Religion on the Air

Reports from all over the country continue to point out the gravity of the situation relative to religious broadcasts. More and more of these are being forced off the air. There are at least two reasons. First, the general anti-Christian attitude of the average citizen, under the false guise of atheistic influences, is responsible for opposition to sound religious programs. Second, there is a variety of religious broadcasts that are poorly administered in lack of talent, which hurts rather than helps an already agitated public. Plan your programs wisely.

Peace Charter

The Peace Charter of San Francisco may doubtless represent the best that men as statesmen can do, because of their widely differing political view-

points and national desires. This charter will soon have its first real test. With Europe strongly infected with Communism, which bids fair to be dominant by 1950, this charter will from time to time be amended to suit the desires of the prevailing representatives. Peace is a possession of soul, existent first between God and man; second, resultantly with man and man. Only as this peace of God rules in men's hearts, even so will peace within national ranks be tranquil and lasting.

Churches in Berlin

A report to the effect that there are only twenty Lutheran churches open in Berlin was received from Berlin according to RNS.

Anti-Christian Trend

Editor of *Midnight Cry*, writing under the caption of "Attacks on the Gospel," gives the following comment relative to the present anti-Christian tendency:

"The Federal Council of Churches has long been agitating for free radio time to be equally divided between Roman Catholics, Jews and Protestants. Underlying reasons as discerned by clear-thinking persons are (1) to gain control for station management as to what in the way of religion shall be heard by the American public, and (2) to enable the modernist minister to stay on the air, not being able to secure the financial support of his radio audience as obtained by broadcasters of the evangelical faith. One by one, stations all over the country have acquiesced to the new demand with the result that 'control' has greatly curtailed the preaching of the gospel over the air, and in many instances, has eliminated it altogether.

"One of the latest stations to take action is WPEN, Philadelphia, hitherto one of the heaviest sellers of time to religion. On February 20 it notified its sixteen gospel broadcasters that after April 1, all gospel contracts would be cancelled, and that henceforth it would sell no time to religion, but that a limited amount of time set aside for that purpose would be given

free to certain religious groups.

"A protest meeting called by the broadcasters was held March 15, in Convention Hall, Philadelphia, where a huge crowd of 14,500 persons, both colored and white, gathered to demonstrate their disapproval of the station's new policies. From here, a formal complaint was filed with the Federal Communications Commission charging WPEN with violation of the Communications Act of 1934 in that it is not operating for 'the convenience, interest, and necessity' of the American people. Thousands upon thousands of letters have since poured into the office of the FCC in Washington, D. C. 'How ever the FCC acts,' says *Newsweek*, 'it will set a precedent.'"

What Was the Cause?

Three young Catholic boys from St. Malachy's parochial school in Brooklyn, N. Y., broke into Public School No. 173 at Pennsylvania and Liberty Avenues last March 25 and "literally put the five-story school building out of commission," according to a report of the N. Y. *Times* on March 28. The N. Y. *Times* considered the story so extraordinary that it gave it front-page space along with the news of the crossing of the Rhine and the invasion of Okinawa by the American armies. *It entirely omitted the important fact, however, that the boys were pupils of near-by St. Malachy's Roman Catholic school.* This was revealed by the N. Y. *Herald Tribune* of the same date.

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The Story of Jesus

In a World That Forgot God

Mrs. L. S. Lambert

Matt. 8:17, "Himself took our infirmities."

Today as we look out upon the world and compare it to a harvest or to a battlefield, we realize as we stand in sorrow that truly we are living in the days as recorded in 2 Tim. 3:1 when perilous times shall come. Indeed we live today in the age when men have become lovers of self more than of God. The vices and enchantments of the things of the world and the enemy of the soul of man are so forceful that truly if we let the fire of God and of the Holy Ghost burn low the adversary will cause us to fall. We feel a sadness as we think of the ones who once knew the joy of living in the unspeakable presence of a risen Christ and are now sinking in the beggarly elements of the world, crucifying our Redeemer afresh and putting Him to an open shame. To assure us that we are so near the coming of Jesus, we read in 2 Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means, for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first." Can't each of us who still have the fire of God on the altar of our hearts, pause to think for a moment and a number of faces of dear friends who used to be followers of Christ, flash before us as we think of the scriptures and of the phrase that said, "Except there come a falling away"?

There are those who openly confess they have backslidden on God, and then there are those who are backslidden and still clinging to the church crowd and still ashamed to openly say, "I am a sinner." Still they are putting Christ to an open shame. I admire the type who say, "I am a sinner," more than those who say, "I possess," and do not bring forth the fruit of the Spirit. Oh, I tell you our Savior paid too great a price for our salvation to have people professing and not possessing.

So many want to cling to the church that Jesus purchased with His own blood, Acts 20:28, and still be weighted down with the things of the world, dressing, curling, adorning,

and looking so much like the world that Jesus in His beauty cannot be seen in their lives.

John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." Too many who lean toward the things of the world influence others to come their way, but in the Scriptures the Lord hath said, "My ways are not your ways." Our part is denying ungodliness and worldly lust and walking soberly and righteously in this present world. Oh, if all who profess would deny worldly lust and be wholly resigned to the will of God, we could lift Christ up so high that more would be drawn unto Him.

Truly the world as a whole has forgotten God. They have failed to remember their Creator in the days of their youth. Then there are those who have been children of God and have gone astray after the implements of Satan and have done as spoken by the prophet Jeremiah, 2:13. They have hewed them out broken cisterns that can hold no water. But oh, how I do thank God for a faithful few who will worship Him in spirit and in truth. It causes us oftentimes to feel ashamed as we look upon those who claim Jesus and live such ungodly lives when He paid such a price for our redemption. I believe I would respect God enough that if I were going to live like the world I wouldn't mix the name of the precious and holy Christ with a polluted and defiled life. Why drink from cisterns that can hold no water when you can drink from the fountain of living waters that was opened in the house of David for sin and uncleanness?

We have two groups of those who have gone back on God, those who are partaking of the things of the world and those who have carelessly drifted along, failing to fast and pray until the fire is almost gone, but still have just a spark left.

Then along comes a Spirit-filled minister of the gospel to the pulpit, and that soul with the tiny sparks sits in the audience and listens to the story of Jesus anew. A picture is painted before that precious soul of

Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane as He prayed until His sweat was as great drops of blood, how He was betrayed by Judas Iscariot, and the pathetic scenes of our Savior touch that tiny spark left there, and that soul begins to get out the fan of consecration and fan that spark until it begins to glow a little brighter, but is not yet aflame. Then the minister takes him into Pilate's hall where the robe of purple was placed upon Jesus and the cruel crown of thorns pressed down upon our Savior's head, and a picture is portrayed of a pure, holy one standing there rejected, despised, denied by His own disciple, with the blood from the piercing of the thorns streaming down His precious face, with never a murmuring word from His lips. Oh, I'll tell you it is enough to cause us to weep and keep the fan of consecration going until the tiny spark is glowing aflame at high tide in our soul.

Then we go farther on and join in the throng who followed our Savior as He went up the hill to Golgotha's brow, bearing the cross, so weak after agonizing in Gethsemane until He could say, "Nevertheless not as I will but as thou wilt," after staying in Pilate's hall with no one to defend, having been denied and betrayed into the hands of the sinners, carrying the crude wooden cross on His own shoulders that you and I should have carried. May we pause to think of the scripture that said, "Himself took our infirmities." Doesn't it make you feel so unworthy and then so appreciative of the wonderful love of Jesus and the marvelous grace that saved us?

Going farther we picture the throng as we see the world today, a group of deceivers, despisers, rejectors, and also the faithful few believers, as they followed Him up the hill to see Him crucified. It makes us to ask ourselves, "Are we worthy of the pain for us He's borne?"

'Twas all for you and me,
He suffered pain and trial;
How can we offer less,
Than our own self-denial?

Truly the story of Jesus goes forth with a magnetic power. It reaches the heart of the vilest drunkard, gambler, evil worker, and every class of sinners when every other known method has failed. The sweetest vocation one could ever be called to is to go forth carrying the story of Jesus to a world

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Jesus' Healing of Mind and Body

By MRS. ELLEN WALKER

Matthew 8 and 9

The Sermon on the Mount, which occupies three chapters of Matthew's Gospel, evidently was preached or spoken to the inner circle of disciples after they had withdrawn with Jesus into a solitary place. It was there that Jesus preached the greatest sermon ever to fall from any lips. He had had to go up into a mountain in order to find seclusion for teaching His disciples and for a rest from the multitudes of people thronging Him for healing. But when Jesus came down from the mountain the people gathered again and "great multitudes followed him."

The chapters that follow are taken up with the account of how Jesus, who had come not to be ministered unto but to minister, was bringing healing and help to many. First came the leper whom He cleansed and told to go show himself to the priest according to the Jewish law. Next was the healing of the Roman centurion's servant, with Jesus' strong commendation of the centurion's faith and a declaration of the nature of His own mission on earth. Its nature was universal. The mission and salvation of Christ are completely opposed to every form of religious and racial bigotry. This fact is shown in Matthew 8:10-13, and in these verses Jesus marvels at the humble faith of the centurion who was not a Jew. Jesus said, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven." Such words said to a Roman were unmistakable in meaning.

In Peter's house Jesus found Peter's mother-in-law sick of a fever, and healed her. When evening was come many brought their sick of mind and body to be healed. Hard-pressed by the multitudes, Jesus went into a ship and made the famous passage across the Sea of Galilee. A great storm arose while He was asleep. It must have been terrific because even tough fishermen were afraid. They awakened Jesus and He rebuked them for their little faith, but He bade the waves be still, "and there was a great calm."

On the other side of the sea oc-

curred one of those incidents that tend to destroy one's faith in human nature and the goodness of man. As Jesus came from the ship there met Him two men "possessed with devils" or, as we would say, insane men. And the devils besought Him to cast them into a near-by herd of swine. The swine thus possessed, ran violently down a steep place and perished in the sea.

The passage is obscure in terms of modern interpretation and I shall not attempt to explain it; but what is not obscure is the attitude of the people of the near-by city when they heard what Jesus had done. They came out to meet Jesus and "besought him that he would depart out of their coasts." It meant nothing to them that two unfortunate fellow men had been healed of a terrible malady. These people set a higher value upon their hogs, and they wanted no wonder-worker in their midst.

There are men and even communities today that are this selfish and narrow, but, thank God, Jesus was also the Son of man. The multitudes of persons since that time, who have lived in His Spirit, quicken our faith in man, despite those who have quenched the light which God implanted in them.

There were religious folks, too, who were not much better than those

Gadarene hog-raisers. When Jesus healed a man sick of the palsy, and said, "Son, be of good cheer, thy sins be forgiven thee," they were more concerned about what they called blasphemy than about the act of mercy and healing that Jesus had performed.

Today there are religious people like that. Far too many are more anxious about matters of speculation and doctrine and their own religious interpretations than about genuine goodness and kindness and mercy. Perhaps all of us need the humble faith of the Roman centurion, which accepts the simple word of Christ as an accomplished fact. Perhaps we need to think more of the welfare of others than of our own possessions. Millions of people are starving for food and clothing and shelter in this war-torn world right now. Millions are hungry for God's Word and for the example of souls who live in the light of Christ. All the world waits for the kindness and love of people who really know Jesus as their personal Savior. Perhaps many of us need today, as they did in olden times, the admonition of Jesus in Matt 9:13, "But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice; for I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

Bed too Short, Blanket too Narrow

By REV. H. A. POWELL

Isaiah 28:20, "*For the bed is shorter than a man can stretch himself on it: and the covering is narrower than he can wrap himself in it.*"

We think about the wretched and sleepless condition of one on a cold night with a bed so short he can't stretch himself and a blanket so narrow he can't wrap himself. But the real theme of the text is an insufficient religion. That is, a religion which has an insufficient foundation upon which to lie. Self-righteousness and self-sufficiency will make the bed too short and the blanket too narrow. Some one might ask, What is such a religion? It is any religion that has no foundation to build upon, no char-

acter to clothe itself for eternity.

We have many people in the church who are trying to sleep on the short bed. They are always trying to stretch, turning and twisting to dodge church teaching and church government. They don't believe in missions. They don't believe in tithes. They think the church has always got the wrong man for a pastor. They are out and in, up and down, over and under in everything. But Christ is our all in all, our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, the author and finisher of our faith, and He is the only bed upon which we can stretch ourselves and the only covering with

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The Florida Camp Meeting a Great Spiritual Feast

By E. L. SIMMONS
Assistant General Overseer

A beautiful and vivid exemplification of 1 Corinthians 5:8 has been fulfilled in the Wimauma, Florida, state camp meeting, "Let us keep the feast... with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth." With all the joyous anticipation of former years, the people gathered from north, east, south, and west. Many ministers from other states, among whom were J. T. Roberts and Woodrow Byrd, of Alabama; U. D. Tidwell, E. M. Ellis, and Rolla Mumcy, of Tennessee; G. W. Hodges and Ralph Williams, of Ohio; George Lemons, of North Carolina; Burl Sumner, of Louisiana; and L. O. Peck, of Georgia, were also present.

SIGNS AND THEIR FULFILLMENT

A large number of new cottages on the camp predicted aforehand that the attendance would be the largest in the history of the camp meeting. The campground planning committee also reported that all available building space on the original camp had been taken and that many applications for building permits for the newly-acquired tract of land have been received. A major improvement on the campground has been the building of a nice four-room, concrete-block cottage for the state overseer, which is beautiful as well as modern.

These signs as predictions of a large and interested attendance were by no means false alarms. The large tabernacle was well filled the first night and attendance continued throughout the entire time, reaching an all-time high on Sunday.

FELLOWSHIP AND SPIRITUAL FERVOR

As fellowship begets fellowship; friendliness, friendliness; and love, love, so it was that this family of kindred spirits grew into a great convocation of holy zeal and spiritual fervor. There was nothing superficial or shallow about or in any of the services. Though our emotions were deeply stirred, it was an effect from a deep-seated cause, a spirituality coming from a sincere worship and feasting upon the richness of God's Word as it was dispensed by fearless, consecrated minis-

ters. The messages were freighted with information and admonition necessary to the evangelization, inspiration, conservation, and general progress of the Church of God. All of them were exceptionally good. Perhaps the outstanding evangelist was J. T. Roberts who delivered three of the evening sermons. After his first sermon a large number of the ministers requested that he be given the night services during his stay, which was satisfactory to all. The altar was well filled at all the services when an invitation was given, and many souls prayed through to salvation, sanctification, and the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

A very important feature of the Florida camp meeting was the Daily Vacation Bible School. This department was under the supervision of R. J. Johnson, with Sister Lewis Willis as principal. Many able teachers and leaders gave their services to make the few days of training for the children the great success that it was. The young people's service was also a great success, and there seems to be a looking forward to a great youth program in the State of Florida, a program that will really provide religious education, properly supervised recre-

ation, and spiritual devotion for our youth.

MISSIONS NOT FORGOTTEN

Florida is becoming more and more mission-minded. It is to be remembered that the first duly appointed missionary of the Church of God, as well as others, came from that state.

These and this work have not been forgotten by the Florida churches and preachers. This was proven at the camp meeting when, after a very fine mission message by M. P. Cross, Executive Secretary of Missions, an offering of \$13,248.70 was received. A wave of joy broke over the congregation as all took part in the liberal contribution.

EFFICIENT LEADERSHIP

Necessary to the progress of any work is its leadership. To be sure, followers are necessary but where there are good leaders there are usually good followers. Florida seems to have such a leader in the person of their state overseer, William E. Johnson. The ministers of the State admire and closely cooperate with him in the carrying out of his program. All seem to love him and acquiesce with him in his method of carrying on for God and His Church in the State.

The planning of the Church of God ministry under its present leadership bids to bring great results, and it is believed will have great things to report for another year.

Selfishness

Prov. 28:27, "He that giveth to the poor shall not lack, but he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse."

Ezek. 34:18, "Seemeth a small thing unto you to have eaten up the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pastures? and to have drunk of the deep waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet."

Rom. 15:1, "We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves."

Gal. 6:4, "But let every man prove his own work, and then shall he have rejoicing in himself alone, and not in

another."

2 Timothy 3:2, "For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy."

1 John 3:17, "But whoso hath this world's goods, and seeth his brother have need, and shutteth up his bowels of compassion from him, how dwelleth the love of God in him?"

Gal. 6:3, 7, "For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Report from Northeast District

Now that state conventions are in full swing, we would like to report a substantial increase in every department of the work up to date in the Northeastern District.

CONVENTIONS

Our first state convention was in Pulaski, and Brother Boatwright, the state overseer, had a well-arranged program. Back of that were the faithful services and cooperation of the ministers of his state. Virginia had proved herself worthy of applause because of the increase in membership, new churches organized, and a mission offering at the state convention of over \$10,000. The convention was high-lighted with spiritual outpourings and a number being saved in the evening evangelistic sessions. They all left the convention with a determination to carry on with greater zeal than ever before.

NEW YORK

New York had the greatest convention in its history, from the viewpoint of spirituality. The state overseer, Brother Camp, worked hard in making every arrangement possible for a good convention. The last night of the convention five were saved, five sanctified, and three baptized with the Holy Ghost. One of the number who received the Holy Ghost, was a returned veteran from the battlefield who had been severely wounded and had well recovered and received his baptism and a definite call into the ministry.

The convention was conducted in our beautiful edifice in Brooklyn and the ministers and members were well in attendance from various parts of the State.

NORTH CAROLINA

From New York state we went into the state convention of North Carolina which was conducted in Kannapolis. This convention began with several days of special services as a prerequisite, so that the opening of the convention was one of spiritual outpouring. Brother Johnson, the state overseer, was on hand to advise and help in making this convention the success that it was. The glory of God fell upon us many times. The ministry worked in unity and fellowship in

an effort to accomplish the greatest good. When the money was brought in from the districts, and that raised from the convention floor was added, there was over \$20,000 raised for their orphanage. Let me say here that they are in the beginning of a great future with their orphanage work in North Carolina. The afternoon before the offering was taken that night, a motorcade of over one hundred cars drove out to the 360-acre farm, and in the open air a short service was conducted. A number of the businessmen of Kannapolis were present and spoke the approval and the cooperation and backing of Kannapolis and its adjacent towns in behalf of the orphanage. Two cottages are being erected on the orphanage cottage plan at approximately \$22,000 each. Each cottage will house at least twenty orphans and their matrons. They are built of brick veneer, with basements, and fully equipped with all modern conveniences, and are situated on a very picturesque site. The credit for these accomplishments is due the loyal ministers of North Carolina. Certainly A. V. Childers is worthy of honorable mention for his untiring efforts on this behalf.

On Sunday morning we witnessed a great mission service. While the cash offering was not as great in some ways as last year, however it was over \$8,000. At least twenty came forward and consecrated their lives to foreign mission service and expressed their willingness to go wherever God would open the way. The spirit of this meeting melted our hearts together in greater fellowship than ever before.

THE NORTHEASTERN AND BIBLE INSTITUTE

Words fail me to be able to express the interests, enthusiasm, and spirituality of the Bible School in Somerset, Pa. We have passed the one hundred mark in enrollment and the students are digging every day in the Holy Scriptures trying to prepare themselves for work in the ripened harvest fields. It is not unusual to hear them praying in their dormitory, the auditorium, the dining room, and other places. The Spirit of God has been witnessed in a great outpouring. Twelve have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost; some have received

definite calls to the mission field. The spirituality of the school is at high tide.

Last night we had a ring service out on the beautiful school campus. As the students formed this great ring, first one then another would step into the ring and offer a fiery testimony, accompanied by choruses and instrumental music. This service closed with a march to the chapel which was followed by a patriotic service celebrating Independence Day. In the midst of this meeting the power of God fell in a mighty way. The students and faculty members wept and shouted for joy. Those not having the Baptism became so intensely hungry for the experience that three prayed through that night. We, of the Northeastern Bible and Music Institute, are not sticking to formalities, but we do propose, in the event form is essential, that it be filled with spiritual manifestation. By way of appreciation to the student body, I wish to state that they were second to none in conduct and eagerness to receive all the benefits the school offers. We have not set up a code of rules of conduct, with the exception of our regular school schedule. The students have been placed strictly on their honor and to date we have yet to find any student that is offensive to good conduct.

The Board of Directors of the institute voted unanimously to make this school a permanent institution embracing a three-year course of study, which only means that this initiation year is only the dawning of a great and glorious day in the field of religious education in the district of the great Northeast.—Paul H. Walker, Assistant General Overseer.

Going Forward at Cumberland Mountain

WHITWELL, Tenn.—We truly thank the Lord for old-time salvation and for the Church of God at Cumberland Mountain. We praise God for our pastor and his sweet wife and children; they are doing a good work here. Brother McGee has painted the church house inside and outside, stained the seats and put in windows in the parsonage and papered it. He really believes in working for God in every way.—Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Rollins.



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M. P. CROSS, Executive Mission Secretary.

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Many Problems in Mission Work

The following excerpts from a letter we received from one of our best missionaries will help you to understand some of our mission problems. We were trying to get some additional information in our reports and, after making a desperate effort to get all the information, this good brother writes:

Just so you do not make the mistake of thinking that all we have to do to get these reports is to tell the pastor of each congregation to keep a membership list and send us a report once a month, I might mention a few of our problems.

1. Ours is an Indian field.

2. **SUPERSTITION.** Our public light service is going bad and a story is now circulating among the Indians to the effect that they are catching the Indians at night and cutting off

their heads to make electricity out of their hair. I am called upon to tell them if there is any truth in this report, and to explain why it cannot be true. Also, I have had to explain just why a pestilence was sent upon Israel because David counted the people.

3. **IGNORANCE.** Some of our workers cannot read. Some can read a little but cannot write. One can write his first name but cannot write the second. The worker who brought in the two new congregations mentioned can neither read nor write. By United States standards he would not pass—but he is one of the best! It is being reported somewhere in Brother X's territory that he gets \$2 for each person he gets on his reports. An Indian woman, unbeliever, perfect stranger, and all dressed up for the occasion, came into their home the other day to sell herself to the old pagan god, or to

his god, but she wanted a house and a lot. Brother X's territory is the very cream of superstition, fanaticism, and ignorance. Some of X's people live way off in the mountains and do not have paper, envelopes, or post office, and traveling in the rainy season is dangerous up there.

I might mention in closing that it is the thousand and one little and unnecessary things, but things impossible to escape, that bother me most, but, and this is important, these few remarks are not for the purpose of trying to escape these reports.

God bless you. Have patience with us.

Gaining Ground

Dear Evangel Readers:

Holy greetings in the name of our soon coming King and Bridegroom.
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Above (left) is a picture of Rev. and Mrs. G. L. Stilwell and Wayne. Brother and Sister Stilwell went to assist Brother Syverson in the work in Central America. They have been in a revival in Limon, Costa Rica, and have set a Church of God in order there. They also have some other calls. This work is among English-speaking people, so you see that while they are studying their Spanish they are also practicing their English and doing a great work there. There are thousands of places that would like to have the Church of God message, if we only had the consecrated and talented ministers who are called to these fields.

To the right is a picture of one of the native homes in Chuicaca, Guatemala. The picture shows Sister Furman and M. P. Cross, Mission Secretary, with two of the natives. The baby on the Indian woman's back is Sister Furman's adopted baby.

CONVENTIONS

COLORADO STATE CONVENTION

The second phase of the Colorado state convention was held at 1280 S. Pearl St., in the City of Denver, Colo. We are truly thankful for the church here, and its pastor and wife, Rev. and Mrs. Ben F. Self, and for the cooperation of the members and friends who have labored together in building up the work at Pearl Street. The Assistant General Overseer, Rev. A. V. Beaube, and the state overseer, D. A. Biggs, were present and in charge of all services throughout the convention.

Convention services began at 2:30 p.m. Saturday, June 9, and continued (at the regular service periods) until 12:00 m., Sunday, June 10, at Pearl Street, the final service being held at the church on Santa Fe Drive in Denver. All services were well attended and the Lord's blessings and presence were in the service from the beginning throughout the convention, for which we are truly thankful.

During the Saturday afternoon service, after the devotional, Brother Beaube brought an inspiring message, after which a general offering was received for the orphanage work. The Saturday evening service adjourned after a great service and all returned home feeling well paid for their attendance.

Sunday morning service began at 10:00 a.m. with a record crowd in attendance. Prayer and singing was conducted by the state overseer, D. A. Biggs, with S/Sgt. Olly W. Polen as pianist. Sgt. Polen is a Church of God minister in the service of his country. After serving two years in the Aleutian Islands (with no opportunity to attend any Church of God services) he has returned to the States with the victory and is still fervently heralding forth the gospel of Christ. He and his wife are from Findlay, Ohio, and their presence with us was certainly appreciated. There was also a number of other visiting friends, including the mother and sister of our good state overseer, D. A. Biggs, from the State of Tennessee and other surrounding territory. We were equally glad to have them all.

After the Sunday morning devotional service, the Assistant General Overseer brought another wonderful

message. Then turning his subject unto the mission cause he gave a good general word picture of the mission fields and the strenuous work of the missionaries. After this message the people were stirred for the mission work and gave wonderfully to the cause. This year our mission offerings showed an increase of 25 per cent over last year. With this increase our mission offering this year is an equivalent to over \$5.00 per member. Our orphanage offering also showed an increase of 30 per cent over last year.

We are happy to be able to make this good report, and we are looking forward to greater things next year.

The State of Colorado is laboring to come to the front in sufficient strength to make overwhelming battle with the enemy and his forces. Surely the Lord will reward us if we continue to have faith with our works.

All praise and honor and glory be given to the Lord Jesus. Through Him and in His name we have come thus far.—Mrs. Robert Napier, clerk, 1280 S. Pearl St., Denver, Colo.

NEW YORK STATE CONVENTION

The New York state convention convened June 22-24, and what a glorious occasion for those who were able to attend! It seemed to please God to dwell with us throughout the entire three days.

Rev. William Morris, state overseer of Maine, was with us on the first night and brought the message. It seemed he was at his best as the truth was unfolded to our hearts. Then the altar was filled with precious souls seeking a deeper experience with God.

Saturday morning at nine o'clock prayer meeting was well attended and the presence of God was so precious as His people tarried before Him in expectancy, and they were not disappointed because His glory did fill the tabernacle throughout the day. Sister Viola Galbraith then gave an interesting talk on "Prayer." How our hearts were made to melt with the love of God as we were made to realize the possibilities through prayer!

Rev. Paul H. Walker, our Assistant General Overseer, and family were

here with their smiles, good singing and instrumental selections, which were second to none.

Rev. Wm. E. Buker brought a message on "The Vision," which was appreciated by all. I think about one of the biggest surprises was when Brother Buker turned in fifty-seven subscriptions to the Evangel. In turn he received a prize. We were happy to have Rev. Edwin Tull, state overseer of New Jersey, bring a message, and I am still hearing from that. My, how our hearts were filled and thrilled as God spoke through His servant.

The afternoon service was a high spot in the convention, when Rev. A. J. Angvick paid tribute to our boys in the Armed Service. Then the national anthem was sung. Brother Angvick is an officer in the U. S. Navy.

Our Assistant General Overseer spoke on our orphans and the great responsibilities that rested upon each of us. An offering was taken, which exceeded last year. At the evening service there was a fine crowd in spite of the warm weather. A mighty message was then brought by our Assistant General Overseer, which seemed to grip the entire congregation. Great results were accomplished. Rev. Frederick Chichester, Rev. Clark Goodman, Rev. Clayton Thomas, Sister Mary Kimmer also brought inspiring messages that brought great refreshing times as the billows of blessings rolled over us. Rev. A. Galbraith then brought a message that was enjoyed by all. Sister Mary Kimmer spoke on "Evangelism," which was a blessed message.

Sunday at noon a dinner was served by the L.W.W.B., which was also very timely. In the afternoon service the mission message was given by our Assistant General Overseer and the offering was taken. The apex of the meeting came in the evening service, which was also the closing service. Our Assistant General Overseer was mightily anointed and brought forth a most powerful message and God filled the altar. I surely felt I was in a camp meeting. Five were saved, three sanctified, and two filled with the Holy Ghost.

I wish to say this was by far the most spiritual convention the State of New York has as yet had. In a general way we feel the work in New York State is on the incline and you can expect to hear some good news from here from time to time.

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REVIVALS

CORAL RIDGE, Ky.—We have closed a three weeks' revival at Coral Ridge (Mitchell Hill) conducted by the Morning Prayer radio party (Rev. J. D. Pitts, Rev. Frank Standifer and daughter, the Lockard sisters, and the writer). God blessed our efforts. The church was revived and four were saved, three sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost, four baptized in water, and three added to the church, one of these being a soldier boy and he is now a soldier for God.

The Louisville, Ky., district had a union baptismal service. The four ministers together had twenty-five candidates and the Lord blessed as we followed His command. Rev. R. E. Lovelle, our district pastor, was the speaker on this occasion.—Charles E. Lockard, pastor.

ORLANDO, Fla.—We are thankful for a successful revival here at Orlando, with Brother Colon T. Dunn as evangelist, May 2-20. The glory of God came down and filled our souls as he and his party sang and preached the glad tidings of Christ. Twenty-eight were saved, fifteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, ten added to the church, and seven baptized in water.

We also praise God for our wonderful pastor, Brother A. V. Howell, and family. He has been a great blessing to our church.—W. C. Wade, clerk.

FRANKLIN, Ohio—We have just closed a glorious revival here in charge of Rev. W. R. Marcum, of Columbus, Ohio. Twenty-one were saved, twenty-one sanctified, nineteen filled with the Holy Ghost, twenty-one baptized in water, and twenty-one added to the church. We are progressing wonderfully under the fine leadership of our humble and faithful pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. L. Hathcock. The Lord has blessed us with a seventeen-piece orchestra, for which we are very thankful.—Edward Bach, Sunday School superintendent.

A revival was held at the Aaron church from May 6 to June 3, by Brother Freeman Taylor, the pastor.

Three were saved, five sanctified, one filled with the Holy Ghost, one reclaimed, and nine added to the

church. Communion service and feet washing were observed at the close of the revival. We have a wonderful Y.P.E. and Sunday School. Pray for Aaron church.—Mrs. Sudie Thompson, clerk, Rt. 2, Summit, Ga.

VALLSCREEK, W. Va.—The Lord has blessed here at Hartwell in a wonderful way. I preached one week with the result of ten being saved, eleven sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and eleven added to the church. Sister Della R. Patrick, of Roanoke Rapids, N. C., held our second revival, with five being saved, six sanctified, six filled with the Holy Ghost, two added to the church, and seven baptized in water, with several miracles performed.—C. E. McGee, pastor.

CLAYSBURG, Pa.—A successful revival was held here with ten saved, six sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, seven baptized in water and the saints greatly encouraged. Brother J. C. Hodges was our evangelist.—Gladys Morgan, reporter; J. K. Morgan, pastor.

DAVENPORT, Iowa—Rev. J. B. Baney held a three weeks' revival for us in which there were twenty-two conversions, several sanctified and two filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Baney did some very fine preaching and the folks were inspired to go forward.—Rev. J. R. Berry, pastor, 1832 W. Third St.

OLD FORT, N. C.—A two weeks' revival was held here with Sister Anna V. Bishop, of Walterboro, S. C., as the evangelist. There were good crowds and wonderful preaching. Twelve were saved, four sanctified, four filled with the Holy Ghost, and two added to the church.—Rev. D. M. Curtis, pastor, Marion, N. C.

AYNOR, S. C.—We have just closed a five weeks' revival with Evangelist J. H. McDowell and wife in charge, assisted by Rev. Barfield. Forty-one were saved, thirteen sanctified, and several filled with the Holy Ghost. My husband, two children, and I were saved, and I can truly say, "Salvation has come to my house."—Sister Malcolm Harrelson, Rt. 1, Galivants Ferry, S. C.

SLATON, Tex.—We thank the Lord for a grand revival at Slaton in which nineteen were saved, eight sanctified, seven filled with the Holy Ghost, and twelve added to the church. There is still a good revival spirit. Brother C. H. Gardner was the evangelist.—O. M. Hume, pastor.

HIGDEN, Ark.—We praise our Redeemer for the revival He gave us at Magic Springs Church of God. F. J. Rudesill, pastor, was in charge, with Brother Melvin E. Porter as evangelist. Five were saved and baptized in water, five others prayed through to the baptism of the Holy Ghost. We appreciate the visit of our esteemed state overseer and state Y.P.E. superintendent. Please pray for us.—Pastor, F. J. Rudesill.

STINNETT, Ky.—I thank God for the good revival which Brother B. H. Enix conducted here. Fifteen prayed through, sixteen were added to the church, and six baptized in water. Our evangelist was given \$60.77 in offerings and \$25.00 for a suit. Many souls have been blessed. Pray for us at Stinnett Gap.—Mrs. Ethel Baker, clerk.

ATLANTA, Ga.—We have just concluded a good revival in Miami, Fla., and Blackshear, Ga., in which many were saved, sanctified, and baptized with the Holy Ghost. During the revival at Blackshear Brother Carey was stricken with an attack of appendicitis but God came on the scene and he was healed. We also had a good revival at Dallas, Ga., with Rev. John Daniel and family.—H. V. Fowler and F. D. Carey, evangelists, 347 Connally St., Apt. 741, Atlanta, Ga.

STICKNEY, W. Va.—We have been blessed with a revival. Thirty-two souls have been saved and a number revived in the Spirit. Our pastor, Rev. Dewey Holsten, is having wonderful success here, ably assisted by our district overseer, Brother Snuffer, and Rev. Holsten's mother has been a guiding star in this community, having reached the age of seventy-five and having been a Christian for the last forty-five years. The church has been set in order and is progressing wonderfully. We have a fine Sunday School and the Lord has really given us plenty of work to do.—Mrs. R. C. Stewart, clerk.

Reports from the Field

Columbia, S. C., Church Forges Ahead

We, the Church of God at Columbia, South Carolina, greet all the Evangel readers in the precious name of Jesus.

God has been so abundantly good to us; all along the way His hand has been upon us. For the past four years Rev. Edwin M. Mortenson has been our pastor. Under the leadership of our brother and the faithful efforts of Sister Mortenson and the whole-hearted cooperation of the church, we have been amazed at the progress our church has made.

We would like to give you a brief resume of the past four years.

1. Souls saved, 309. Many of these were soldier boys who were away from home, and some were saved just before leaving for overseas.

2. Souls sanctified, 90.

3. Filled with the Holy Ghost, 72.

4. Baptized in water, 49.

5. Received into the church, 88.

Radio broadcasts: Over this local station we have had 382 broadcasts, broadcasting every day except Saturday.

Financially speaking: From the debt of \$9,500 we now owe on all properties only \$3,650. Certainly we praise the Lord for all this. Besides, \$3,000 cash improvements have been made on the building.

Revivals: Several revivals have been conducted with the finest of evangelists. During the latter part of March Brother S. W. Latimer conducted a "Prophetic Lecture" which was of untold value to the church. His sincere and straightforward messages were so wonderful. He endeared himself in such a great manner to the whole church. His speaking over the radio each morning was also appreciated.

May 6-20 a revival was conducted by Sister Helen L. Morrow. These services were wonderful. Sister Morrow preached in the old-time, uncompromising way. One night the power of the Lord fell and one brother who had been seeking the baptism of the Holy Ghost for five years began shouting during the song service. Sister Morrow ran back to him under the Spirit, laid hands on him and he

received the Holy Ghost and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave utterance. In this revival several were saved, five sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, and six added to the church. Putting it mildly, this was an outstanding revival. Through Sister Morrow's former radio experience, she was able to present the gospel over the air in a most effective manner.

Percentage: On all quotas we are one hundred per cent.

We covet your prayers that God may continue to bless in this great manner.

God Has Blessed Our Little Church

BRANTLEY, Ala.—Praise the Lord for what He has done for the church at Slipup and for the wonderful home-coming. We had a very good message by Brother Dennis, the pastor at Chapman, and our dear pastor, Brother A. W. Mills, brought a good message and every one was blessed. The power of God surely blessed everyone. Our offering was good; we raised \$94.25, and the church plans to put brick siding on the church, build new seats, and put new windows in the church. We thank God for the way He has blessed our little church since Brother Mills has been here. We have a good Sunday School and Y.P.E.; we have from fifty to seventy-five every Sunday night in Y.P.E., and we thank God for the blessing. Pray for the work here, that souls will be saved, also pray for Brother Mills.—Rev. J. V. Rigden, Rt. 3.

Joplin, Mo., District Convention

The 1945 district convention of the Joplin, Mo., district held in Joplin was one of the best conventions ever held in this district. The district pastor, Brother O. B. Presley, and Brother Blackwell, local pastor, had a well-arranged program and the Holy Spirit made everyone feel welcome. There was a decided progress in each department of the church under the leadership of our good pastors and workers. Wonderful reports of work of our Ladies' Willing Workers' Band and the Y.P.E. and Sunday Schools were given. Our offerings far exceeded any previous convention of-

ferings in the district.

Speakers were: T. F. Blackwell, local pastor, Brother Thomas, of the Joplin Assembly of God, W. O. Singletary, Sister Lydia Pilgrim, Sister G. R. Watson, state L.W.W.B. president, Brother Isaac Sumpter, of Chetopa, Kansas, Brother Wm. Roberson, Brother C. E. Yates, state Sunday School and Y.P.E. superintendent, and Brother G. R. Watson, state overseer, whom all have come to love and honor for his good work in Missouri.

We enjoyed and appreciated our Service men from Camp Crowder, Mo., and their songs, music and testimonies. Surely these boys still have the victory, and even life in the Army has not caused them to turn back, but rather to be strong in the Lord. Their love for the Lord was an inspiration to all who attended and fellow-shipped with us in our convention.

There is a large territory in the central part of Missouri without a Church of God. We pray and trust that soon there will be thirty churches in this district instead of the three that are active at this time. Truly the harvest is great but the laborers are few. Some two hundred miles north and south and an equal distance east and west is without a Church of God! Pray that men will catch the vision.—Lydia Pilgram, convention clerk, 207 Oak St., Clinton, Mo.

Trinity, Tex., District Y.P.E. and S. S. Convention

The Trinity, Tex., district Y.P.E. and Sunday School convention has come and gone but left with us great blessings and helpful hints. This convention convened here at the Crockett church May 24-26.

The service was opened by our district pastor, Brother H. L. Simms. He also brought the message. Brother Odell Watwood, local pastor, gave a welcome address.

Brother Gibson brought the Friday night message. The Lord blessed wonderfully with four seeking the Lord. Saturday afternoon was spent by Brother Wagner, our state Y.P.E. and S. S. superintendent, giving us good thoughts concerning our Y. P. E. and Sunday School, after which we had picnic baskets which every one enjoyed. Saturday night Brother Wagner brought the closing message, which was a spiritual blessing to all. Our orphanage collection was \$112.15.

We surely enjoyed the singing of Sister Wagner and Brother and Sister

Gibson. We appreciate folks like these, also Brother Wagner, for his many good thoughts to us. We feel since our convention here in Crockett our Y.P.E. will go over the top.—Mrs. N. L. Pike, secretary, Y.P.E., Crockett, Tex.

Wonderful Fellowship Meeting

I praise the Lord for what He means to us here at Clayton, N. C. I praise Him, too, for the victory and the blessed Holy Ghost.

We had a wonderful fellowship meeting on June 4, for which we give God the praise. The power fell and souls were blessed that night. We were glad to have Brother Richard, our assistant state overseer, with us. He is a wonderful man of God. We were also glad to have Brother Byrd, our district overseer, with us; we were glad for every one who was here. There was plenty of good singing. An offering was taken for the orphanage which amounted to \$110.50, for which we thank the Lord.

We are glad for our pastor, Brother E. E. Hurst; he is a fine man of God. We appreciate him so much. We believe things are going over the top here. We also have a good Sunday School and Y. P. E. The offering for our Y.P.E. Sunday, May 27, was \$73.00 and the attendance was one hundred ten. We truly praise the Lord for the way He is blessing here.

We are building some Sunday School rooms. Please pray for us, that the Lord will continue to bless and we will ever stay true until Jesus comes.—William Walker, clerk, 5 Central St., Clayton, N. C.

Ada, Okla., District Convention

Our district convention convened at Ada, Okla., April 13-15. Services opened with the welcome address by the pastor, local and district pastor, with Brother George Vance, pastor of Maysville church, responding. After a special song by Rev. L. C. Pennington, pastor at Lawton, he brought a good message, the same subject being carried out by our good overseer, Rev. L. L. Hughes.

After the devotional Saturday morning, conducted by Rev. B. M. Woolwine, pastor at Seminole, Brother Hughes, overseer, conducted a ministers' meeting. Rev. A. S. Eason, pastor at Ravia, brought a message in the morning. In the afternoon reports were given by the Willing

Workers' Band. Also, a talk on the Evangel and Lighted Pathway was given by Rev. George Vance. Brother Joseph Daniels and Brother B. M. Woolwine brought messages in the night service. Following these an altar call was given. The Lord wonderfully blessed and one received the baptism and united with the church that night.

Sunday morning, after the devotional, special prayer was given for the boys in Service. R. S. Collins, pastor at Lindsay, gave a talk on the Orphanage. Rev. Odell Vanderburg, state Y. P. E. and Sunday School superintendent, gave a talk on the Y. P. E. and Sunday School. Brother Hughes, our blessed overseer, brought us a message on missions, after which the mission offering was taken, which amounted to \$116. We think this a good offering as there are three small churches on the Ada district. It seemed that every minister was at his best. It has been said that this was the most outstanding convention ever held on this district.

Special singers during the convention were Rev. L. C. Pennington, Kenneth Montegary, the Ada quartet, Rev. Joseph Daniels, Rev. B. M. Woolwine, and Mary Daniels.—Reporter, George Vance.

Walhalla No. 2 Is Coming to the Front

WALHALLA, S. C.—I praise the Lord for His healing power. Last year my mother was seriously ill with gall bladder trouble, infected kidneys and appendicitis. Two doctors failed to do her any good and wanted her to go to the hospital. I knew she wasn't able to go through an operation. We just kept calling on the Lord and requesting prayer for her. Our pastor and members of No. 2 were faithful to come and pray until the Lord healed her. I thank God for a pastor and members who do not mind praying and holding on to God. Also, Sister Melvin Faison, of Mocksville, N. C., would write such encouraging letters and send anointed cloths. Thank the Lord. We have a wonderful Savior who never turns a deaf ear to our prayers.

I thank Him for healing me of a serious kidney ailment three weeks ago. I suffered three days and nights and it looked like I couldn't bear it any longer. The doctors failed to do me any good. The Lord spoke to me to

get Brother and Sister Gordon Smith to pray for me. I obeyed and the Lord wonderfully healed me and I haven't had the trouble since.

I thank Him for the way He blesses at No. 2. We had a wonderful Y.P.E. service. The Holy Ghost really anointed our speaker, Sister Marion Deaton. Our Sunday School has averaged over one hundred for several months. We hold the state Sunday School "B" banner and we are working to keep it.

You who know old No. 2, do not think she is dead; she may have been but she is coming to the front again. Just pray for us and pay us a visit. Pray for my unsaved loved ones and me.—Mrs. Sallie Kelley, Rt. 3.

Growing and Improving

LAKE PLACID, Fla.—I praise the Lord for the wonderful revival just closed here. The meeting ran five weeks conducted by Evangelist E. O. Lodge. He preached the old-time gospel and hearts were touched and souls stirred. Several were saved and sanctified, three or four filled with the Holy Ghost, and one added to the church. The night before the revival closed we had the Lord's supper and feet washing and had a wonderful time in the Lord.

Our Y.P.E. is growing by leaps and bounds, for which we praise the Lord; also our Sunday School is good. We have made many improvements on our church property this year. We have painted the parsonage outside and partly inside, and put a new roof on it; also painted the church inside and started painting outside, and have put a new roof on it. We have an L.W.W.B., too, for which we thank the Lord. We truly thank and praise the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister L. Z. Bennett; they have been a real blessing to us here. Pray for our church and us.—Minnie Peoples, clerk, Box 641.

New Church at West Chester, Ohio

ALLIANCE, Ohio—The Sprague evangelists were at West Chester, Ohio, in April and set a new church in order there with sixteen members after laboring and praying much, closing with the Lord's supper and feet washing. A good time was had by all.—Rev. Sprague and wife, 414½ Cole Ave., Akron 1, Ohio.

No crown has ever received so much publicity as the crown of thorns, yet no one would want to wear it.

THE STORY OF JESUS

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that has forgotten God.

Think of the wonderful Christ, so rich, yet became so poor for you and me. Yes, willing to lay aside His beautiful robe in glory, willing to leave the palatial throne of God to come into this sinful world and take upon Him the form of man to make a way that we might be cleansed from sin! Truly I pray that if there be any who read this who have fallen out of line in the army of our God, that you will begin to fan anew the love that still remains, and that you will begin to look up with penitent tears toward the throne of God, and come boldly to the throne of grace and petition of God power for service and go forth again into the great harvest fields, sowing and remembering that Jesus Himself took our infirmities. Then recall again the precious words recorded in Psalms 126:6, "He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him."

MISSION PAGE

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It has been a long time since you heard from me but I am still alive in soul and body and gaining ground in Christ. Truly He is our High Priest and can be touched with the feeling of our infirmities. Praise His holy name!

He has saved my three daughters, sanctified them and filled them with the Holy Ghost. He has been my healer for fourteen years. He wonderfully delivered a sister who was in a dreadful condition for four days. Praise God for His goodness to me. Our redemption draweth near. We are in the Saturday evening of time and we soon shall know as we are known. Glory, hallelujah. Saints, won't that be wonderful? Surely the half has never yet been told. John told us a little of it, Peter saw but was not allowed to speak, yet we shall soon see Him with our own eyes.

Please don't forget to pray for your sister in Christ.—L. A. Wright and family, Jamaica, B. W. I.

THE CHURCH AND PASTOR

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Jesus Christ, and him crucified."

Condition of His Work. John 20:21, "Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you."

Matt. 9:36-38, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."

Power. Matt. 10:1, "And when he had called unto him his twelve disciples, he gave them power against unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of sickness and all manner of disease."

Acts 1:8, "But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."

He Cares for the Church. Heb. 13:17, "Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves; for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you."

The Church Cares for Him. 1 Cor. 9:7-14.

His Reward. Eph. 4:14, 15.

BED TOO SHORT — BLANKET TOO NARROW

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which we can wrap ourselves for salvation. "Other foundation can no man lay," said Paul. Peter says there is no other name given under heaven among men whereby we can be saved.

The atonement which Jesus made for your sins under God's grace is our all-sufficient foundation if we will get on it and stay on it through the operation of His life-giving and blood-cleansing Spirit. We are resurrected from a dead state of sin and trespasses and made alive unto God through Christ our Lord and we must be presented before a perfect God without spot or blemish. It will certainly take perfection to stand before perfection.

The concrete idea of the prophet in the declaration of this text was pointing to a people who were lying down on a false and hollow religion and seeking to cover themselves with their own sufficiency and self-righteousness. We think of nations that have perished and are perishing from the face of the earth, with all the glory of their empires, and their civilizations have passed away upon the founda-

tion and under the cover of an insufficient religion. The only nation that will ever live and prosper will be the nation that recognizes and honors Christ and Christianity. All other nations will go down on a foundation of a false religion. Christ is the only foundation on which to build. And other foundation, principle, or character is an insufficient foundation. An insufficient covering will make the bed too short and the blanket too narrow to wrap one's self for eternity. The only safe foundation is Christ and Christianity, which time and eternity will never destroy.

CONVENTIONS

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We have purchased a new six-room parsonage for the state overseer and were privileged to have Brother and Sister Paul H. Walker and family with us in our home throughout the convention.—J. B. Camp, state overseer.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dist. Convention

It has been my privilege to attend several district conventions throughout Missouri and I am happy to report that this has been one of our best. From the opening prayer to the closing song the presence of God was with us. Each speaker seemed to have a message from God and the music and singing was next to heavenly.

I wish to compliment Rev. L. E. Holdman, host pastor, and each minister and member on the district for the fine spirit of cooperation manifested in this convention.

Rev. E. O. Byington, our faithful district overseer, had arranged a well-balanced program and throughout the convention stressed the fact that he wanted God to have His way. The presence and faithfulness of our state officials, Rev. G. R. Watson, L.W.W.B. president; and Rev. C. E. Yates, Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, was highly appreciated.

The offerings for the orphanage and missions excelled those of any previous convention on this district.

The convention was truly a success in every respect and we heartily thank God "who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."—Earl T. Golden, convention clerk.

Educating the heathen is good, and praying for the heathen is fine, but this does not pay our debt to God, nor to the heathen.

REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My son who is on his way overseas, to be saved and protected.—Mrs. Ruby Jackson, Rt. 1, Lavonia, Ga.

My husband who is sick with neuritis around his heart.—Mrs. J. A. Douglas, Rt. 2, Jellico, Tenn.

The healing of my body of stomach and intestinal trouble; my two sons in Service; very special request.—Mrs. Ada Bryant, Mallory, W. Va.

Me to be completely healed of rheumatism; my son in Service.—Mrs. Patsy Mandela, Mallory, W. Va.

The healing of my head and body; my husband and me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Robert Lee Curtis, Rt. 1, Box 69, McCrory, Ark.

The healing of my daughter's body, she is in a serious condition; my healing; my three sons in Service; my whole family to be saved and healed.—Mrs. Dochia Olinger, Box 746, Elizabethton, Tenn.

My hearing to be completely restored; my niece who has a very bad sore leg; my little girl who has a sore nose all the time.—Mrs. Gladys Randolph, Box 141, Clinton, Tenn.

My little girl who is having trouble with her head.—Mrs. W. I. Cashatt, Lugoff, S. C.

The complete healing of my arm.—Karl Roseboro, Lugoff, S. C.

My sister to hear from her son.—Mrs. Sallie Thompson, 628 Johnson St., Gainesville, Ga.

My healing, I have a growth almost in the corner of my left eye. It itches and stings and worries me so much. I fear it may be cancer. I also have a hard growth on my body. I have not seen a doctor but am trusting Jesus. Pray that I will receive the Holy Ghost.—A regular reader of the Evangel, Gadsden, Ala.

The healing of my daddy's eyes, his sight is failing; other requests.—Bessie Driggers, Winnsboro, S. C.

The healing of my body.—Lee C. Swinford, Rt. 3, Tullahoma, Tenn.

God to undertake for my husband and daughter; my two sons in Service; my unsaved family.—Mrs. Mabel Ellison, Paxton, Ill.

The healing of my body.—Mrs. W. C. Lewis, Brooksville, Fla.

God to undertake for my brother's

baby, he was seriously burned about four weeks ago and his feet might have to be taken off. My mother to be healed and saved; my body to be strengthened.—Mrs. G. A. Thrash, 49 Central Ave., Sylacauga, Ala.

My son, Naaman C. Robinson, who is in Service; three unspoken requests.—Mrs. M. L. Robinson, 6 Oak St., Rome, Ga.

My body to be completely healed.—Offit Morris, Box 151, South Lebanon, Ohio.

The Lord to heal me of cancer, the doctors say there is no chance and I am depending on God. Encouragement appreciated.—Mrs. Paul Stargel, 48 Rainey St., Gainesville, Ga.

God to undertake for a very urgent request, my baby boy in the Service; the healing of my body.—Mrs. Myrtle Rylee, 633 Lake, Blytheville, Ark.

The healing of my mother who has been very sick for over a year with an incurable sickness, as far as doctors are concerned, she had to be tapped for fluid about four weeks ago and her body is badly swollen again. Encouragement appreciated.—Miss Elizabeth Johnson, Rt. 1, Angelus, S. C.

Me to be healed of a hurting in my back, I know the Lord can heal; my husband and children.—Lula Williams, Rt. 2, Ashville, Ala.

The healing of a friend, her mind is weak but she knows God is able to deliver her; her sisters.—A friend, Box 763, Ravenna, Ohio.

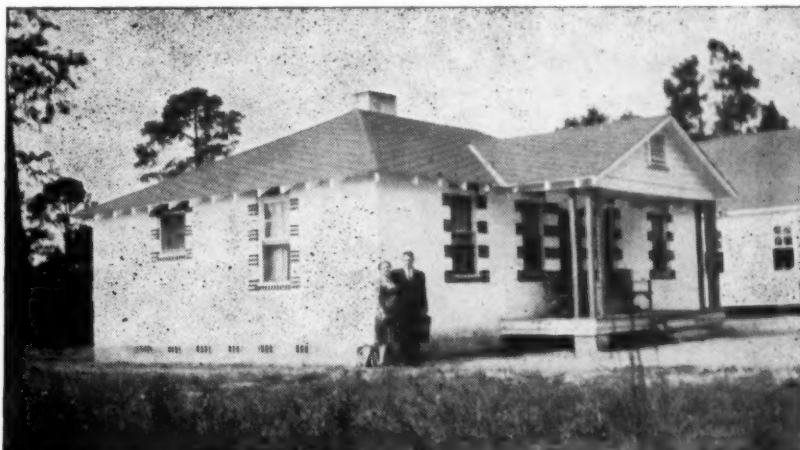
The healing of a lady of cancer; very urgent request; my family and me.—Ada Hill, Mountain View, Ark.

God to undertake for our church here in Morristown, Tenn., He knows the trial we are undergoing.—A member of the Church of God, Morristown, Tenn.

In Need of Prayer

Dear Saints of God, I have been sick five months, off from work, and I am having it rather hard. Please pray that God will make a way for me. I just cannot get caught up. Some day if we live good we will not have to have anything like this. I give offerings in the church, pay my tithes, go to church when I have gas and the car is in running order. Pray that God will make a way for us. It looks like I am down and cannot get on my feet at all and we really need your prayers.—A Church of God brother.

NEW PARSONAGE AT BAXLEY, GA.



Here is the picture of one of the finest little parsonages in Georgia, just completed this year. It is a concrete-block building of five rooms and bath, with nice block garage. It is located right beside their church, as you can see, and is valued at about \$2,500, all paid for. They also did a lot in finishing up their church as it is just a new church. Brother Lee Walton, the pastor, and his wife are pictured standing in front of the parsonage. Brother Walton has done a great work in Baxley the two years he has been there.—Joe R. Little.

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